

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - Disciplinary action against Sri S.Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.) formerly Dy. Range Officer, Range No.VI, Paderu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle - Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of charge issued - Commissioner of Inquiries Findings received - Recovery of an amount of Rs.9000/- - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received - Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 107

Dated: 23-12-2015.
Read the following:

- 1) Written Statement of Defence dated:23.5.2007.
- 2) G.O.Rt.No. 100 EFS& T (For- IV) dt.19.2.2009
- 3) G.A. (COI-AS) Department, D.O. Lr.No. 147/COI-AS/2012, dt:20.04.2013
- 4) PCCF Rc.No.13424/2012/vig-3 (ii) dt.12.9.2014(Final Notice).
- 5) G.O. MS.No. 83 EFS&T(Sec.IV) Dept. dt. 17.10.2014.
- 6) From the Prl. CCF, Lr. Ref.No.13424/2012/Vig-3, Dt.18.10.2014.
- 7) Govt. Memo.No.6396/For.IV/A1/2006, Dated:08-10-2015.
- 8) Govt. Letter No.6396/For.IV/A1/2006, Dated:16-11-2015.
- 9) From the Prl. CCF, Lr. Ref.No.13424/2012/Vig-2, Dt.27.11.2014.
- 10) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.1031/DC&C/3/2015, Dt:23.12.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 6th read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued to Sri S.Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.) in PCCFs Ref.No. 25557/2005/PXA3 (iii) dt: 01-03-2007 along with (48) others, for the excess expenditure in the works executed during 2003-04 under NABARD, RVP & APCFM schemes, as pointed out by the Audit Party on the following count:-

Article:- "That he had while working as Dy.Range Officer, Range No.VI Paderu in Paderu division, shown gross negligence in discharging his legitimate duty and shown lack of devotion to duty and submitted the estimates with excess rate and allowed the VSS members to execute the works during 2003-04 without following the Prl.CCF's circular No.3/2002 and Special condition No.8 of FSR-2003-04 for the earth works in respect of works under NABARD-VII, VIII, Schemes and responsible for recording in M.Books with excess rate resulting in payment of excess expenditure of Rs.83,040/- and thereby caused a loss to a tune of Rs.83,040/- to the states exchequer. Hence the charge".

2. The Charged Officer submitted the written statement of defense on 23.5.2007. The Government vide reference 2nd read above, appointed Dr. Subhrendu Bhattacharya, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries to enquire into the charges framed against (49) charged officers including S. Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.). Subsequently, the Government ordered change of the Inquiry Officer, by entrusting the enquiry to other Commissioner of Inquiries vide G.O.Rt.No.74 EFS&T (For-IV) dt:17.2.2012 and G.O.Rt.No.166 EFS&T (For-IV) dt:07.04.2012.

3. The Commissioner of Inquiries, submitted his findings vide reference 3rd read above, in which he concluded that the charge framed against the Charged Officer was not proved. The findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries were not agreed by the Prl.CCF. In respect of Sri S.Rambabu, Forest Range Officer(Retd), one work (DSO No. 1167/03-04) was executed by the charged officer and excess expenditure of Rs 30343/- was incurred in the said work. The excess expenditure, after allowing Agency Area allowance, comes to Rs 18000/- (Rs 30343/-- Rs.12343/-). Hence the disagreement factors along with findings were communicated to Sri S.Rambabu, Forest Range Officer(Retd) in PCCF's Ref. No. 13424/2012/Vig-3 (ii) dt.12.9.2014, proposing recovery of Rs 9000/- (being the 50% share of excess expenditure) from Sri S.Rambabu, Forest Range Officer(Retd.), vide reference 4th read above.

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4. Since, the penalty was already imposed in G.O.MS.No.83 EFS&T(Sec.IV) Department, dt.17.10.2014, on the same issue in respect of other works, Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to recover excess expenditure (i.e. Rs 9000/-) from Sri S. Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd). under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries, remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, in the case, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and provisionally decided to recover excess expenditure (i.e. Rs 9000/-) from Sri S. Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd). under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 7th read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his consent to the Show-Cause-Notice vide reference 9th read above.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to recover the excess expenditure of Rs 9000/- (Rupees Nine Thousand only) from Sri S. Rambabu, Forest Range Officer (Retd) formerly Dy. Range Officer, Range No.VI, Paderu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref.to Lr.No.1031/DC&C/3/2015, Dt:23.12.2015).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER